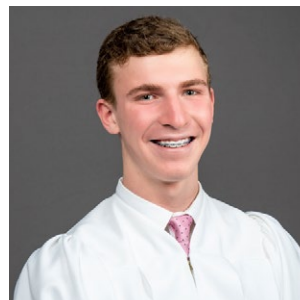
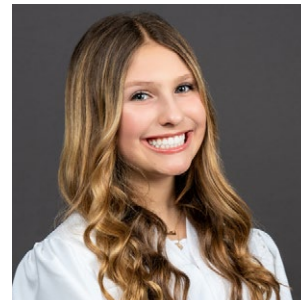
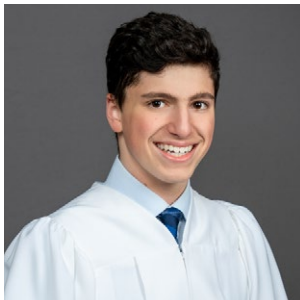
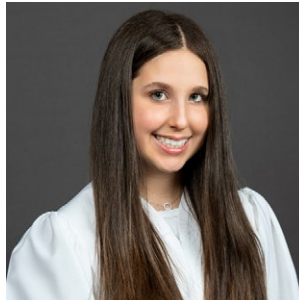
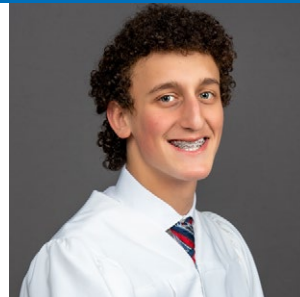
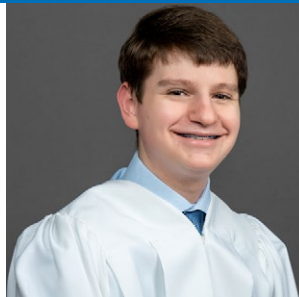




Beth Or Spotlight

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Confirmation Class 5781/2021



May Worship Schedule

Saturday, May 1 – Shabbat Emor

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Jake Kleeman, son of Brian Kleeman and Julie Axelrod
9:30 am Torah Study - Zoom
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Piro, daughter of Adam and Lauren Piro - Livestream
1:00 pm Heart and Soul Shabbat

Friday, May 7 Shabbat Behar-B'chukotai

- 6:30 pm 5th Grade Family Shabbat Worship - Zoom
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship - In-person*, Facebook Live & Livestream
7:30 pm 2023 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Experience - Zoom

Saturday, May 8

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Jacquelyn Waddell, daughter of Ryan and Brittany Waddell
9:30 am Torah Study - Zoom
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Elias Trichon, son of Richard and Shana Trichon and Casey Nadell, daughter of Jordan and Amy Nadell - Livestream

Friday, May 14 – Shabbat B'Midbar

- 7:30 pm Shabbat Worship - In-person*, Facebook Live & Livestream

Saturday, May 15

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Lily Kloin, daughter of Scott Kloin and Jamie Dancer
9:30 am Torah Study - Zoom
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Flynn Goldstein, son of Douglas and Michelle Goldstein - Livestream

Sunday, May 16 – Erev Shavuot

- 5:00 pm Shavuot and Confirmation Service – Livestream

Monday, May 17 - Shavuot

- 9:00 am Shavuot Worship and Yizkor Service

Friday, May 21 – Shabbat Naso

- 7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Honoring Volunteers - In-person*, Facebook Live & Livestream

Saturday, May 22

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Ryder Orenstein, son of Shawn and Lori Orenstein
9:30 am Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Gavin Hymowitz, son of Brian and Jennifer Hymowitz and Ezra Walters, son of Sam and Julie Walters –Livestream

Friday, May 28 – Shabbat Behaalot'cha

- 7:30 pm Shabbat Worship - In-person*, Facebook Live & Livestream

Saturday, May 29

- 9:30 am Torah Study - Zoom
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Cohen, son of Alan Wayne Cohen & Cynthia Elise Cohen - Livestream

June Worship Schedule

Friday, June 4 – Shabbat Shelah-Lecha

- 6:00 pm Shabbat in our Parking Lot. Families may bring their own food to eat tailgate-style at your car, or pre-order from one of our approved caterers. Check website for details.
6:30 pm Outdoor family-friendly, ruach (spirit) and song-filled Shabbat service, with special camp-style songs honoring Camp Harlam from the patio outside of the Social Hall. This service WILL NOT BE STREAMED.

Saturday, June 5

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Jason Shapiro, son of Gregg and Lauren Shapiro
9:30 am Torah Study - Zoom
11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Levin, daughter of Jay and Allison Levin - Livestream

Friday, June 11 – Shabbat Korah

- 7:30 pm Shabbat Worship with the Installation of Board of Trustees – In-person*, Facebook Live & Livestream

Saturday, June 12

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Madigan Wallach, daughter of Todd and Lisa Wallach
9:30 am Torah Study - Zoom
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Stewart, daughter of Shara Molt (Geoffrey) and John Stewart - Livestream

Friday, June 18 – Shabbat Hukat

- 7:30 pm Shabbat Worship - In-person*, Facebook Live & Livestream

Saturday, June 19

- 9:30 am Torah Study - Zoom
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Drew Fiergang, son of Tony and Randi Fiergang and Madison Frezel, daughter of Ron and Stacey Frezel - Livestream

Friday, June 25 – Shabbat Balak

- 7:30 pm Shabbat Worship - In-person*, Facebook Live & Livestream

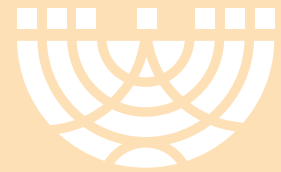


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Going Out to Find Holiness

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

Anxiety is creeping into the hearts of Americans. In a recent conversation I had with a congregant about going out to a restaurant, having recently received her second vaccine, she commented, "I feel like I am becoming agoraphobic." She lamented that as she was standing outside the front of her house and a UPS driver leaned out of his truck to wave hello, she jumped back in horror. "I never would have done that before COVID-19," she said. She recognized that she is becoming increasingly anxious about returning to life and doing something as simple and common as going out to a restaurant. What can she do, she asked me, now that the plague seems to be subsiding, at least to some degree?



Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

From the Rabbi's Desk

One of the side effects of COVID-19 is this new phenomena that I can only call "COVID-19 re-entry anxiety." Can we go out with other people and be unmasked if everyone is vaccinated? Can we socialize at a restaurant, go on a plane, take a vacation and truly relax if we are with other people? I am one always to trust the medical professionals, but I am seeing tremendous confusion, conflicting messages and an ever-growing fear about what life is going to look like when we leave our "bunker" like homes.

Our Torah gives us a clue on how to deal with this anxiety. It is rooted in the order of the Torah itself. In Leviticus 10:1, we learn that Aaron, Moses' brother, suffered a terrible loss. His two sons, Nadav and Abihu were killed in a calamitous act of God.

Following this tragedy, we transition to Leviticus 19 called, *Kedoshim*, which means holiness. *Kedoshim* teaches us about reverence for our parents and building a community; we are to eat the sacrifice only on the first or second day, necessitating a group of people with whom to eat. We are to share our abundance with the less fortunate, refrain from theft, deception and deceit. "You shall not swear falsely by My name, profaning the name of God." Of course, we are called upon to "love our neighbor as ourselves." Subtly, our text is telling us how to rise up from disaster and death.

Moses joined with Aaron to support each other and the people by offering a path out of the darkness. Work to bring holiness into the world. Endeavor to "look up," even as life sometimes forces us to peer downward. We can either live in the past and the suffering of it, or we can move forward with a renewed purpose and mission. We can either let the past destroy our future, or we can imagine a world where our brighter future allows us to move beyond the pain of the past. Aaron and Moses moved forward and found holiness even after tragedy.

We must following the death of over 500,000 Americans, mourn our loss but then "put one foot in front of the other." We must focus on the tasks in front of us. We might see going out for dinner or speaking to another person in the grocery store as a common, or meaningless act, but in light of the past year, it is a holy act. It is a courageous act. It propels us out of the pain of yesterday; empowering us to normalize our lives again.

Most of rituals and ethical laws can only be fulfilled in community. We cannot find holiness alone. We must get out, live our lives and embrace our time with one another. We must keep safety at the forefront, but let us not be paralyzed by our fears; rather let us go forth, and find *Kedoshim*, holiness.

Thank You

Josh Gottlieb, Beth Or President

As I sat down to write a column about the end of my term as President of the congregation, many thoughts ran through my mind. One of the first was that my term was not at all what I expected. A little more than halfway through my first year, what we soon learned was a pandemic was sweeping through our community, the country, and ultimately the world.

As you all know, Beth Or needed to quickly pivot away from our typical modus operandi of gathering in our building for worship, learning, tikkun olam, fun and many other reasons. While our ability to safely gather in person has gone from not at all, to allowed with strict limits and safe practices, and then back and forth yet again, our bonds as a community have remained strong.



Josh Gottlieb

President's Corner

remained a part of this community.

As a member of the leadership team for quite a few years, I was already pretty aware of how so many people contribute, in a myriad of ways. I am now even more in awe of how much our congregants are willing to give of themselves in support of what matters to them at Beth Or. My second thank you goes to our many committee members and chairs, Sisterhood and Brotherhood, other volunteers, board members and officers who make Beth Or so meaningful for all of us.

I next want to talk about the people that I see as our unsung heroes, the employees of Beth Or. While many of us were able to work from home, our maintenance staff was in the building doing regular cleaning, deep cleaning related to COVID-19, and various projects. Last summer the CECE staff came back with a smaller-than-normal group of 30 children for camp, then were there in September as enrollment continued to steadily grow ever since. The administrative staff never missed a beat while working solely from home while required to, and then coming to the office on a hybrid schedule like so many of your children. The teachers in the Religious School did an immediate transition to remote learning last March and have continued to connect with and inspire our children/grandchildren.

Rabbi Bonder, Cantor Green, Cantor Murley, Aaron Nienshultz, Sara Baum, Sharon Carlin, Jillian Peskin, Suzanne Diamond and Judy Trias are the leaders and senior staff who have worked with great dedication, spirit and creativity to help us get through this very difficult period. I know it isn't over, but without them, we would not be where we are today. My third thank you goes to all of the staff.

I saved my closing remarks for two people who I call my partners, colleagues, and beloved friends. Spending the last two years working closely and constantly with Senior Rabbi Greg Marx and Executive Director Amy Abrams has been a privilege. Since last February/March, we have truly been navigating Beth Or through uncharted waters. As we continued to confront constantly changing challenges and circumstances, we worked our way through them together. Our mutual respect, combined with good interpersonal chemistry and a lot of humor, enabled us to find the right path forward. I truly cannot imagine getting through this without the two of them at the helm with me.

Serving as President of Beth Or has meant even more to me than I had anticipated. Thanks to everyone for this opportunity to serve.



Rabbi Jason Bonder

Change as Revelation

Rabbi Jason Bonder, Associate Rabbi

My son, Mark, was born the year I graduated from rabbinical school. My daughter, Sophie, was born just before my family arrived here at Beth Or. Along with bringing so much joy to our lives, my children also happen to be walking and talking yard sticks who measure major moments in my career.

The other day, comparing our human measuring tools yielded particularly powerful results. We realized that Sophie, now 3 and a half years old, is the age that Mark was when we arrived at Beth Or. We were astonished at just how much our children have changed in our time here. Then it hit us. If they had changed so much in this time since arriving at Beth Or, could it be that we, too, have changed? Of course we have. But isn't it amazing that as we watch young people noticeably change every moment, it somehow feels like we adults remain exactly the same? But we have changed. We are three years older. We've added three years of experience onto our parenting resume. Our family stories are now interwoven with yours for three full years.

For me, professionally, tasks that once took significant time to learn here at Beth Or are no longer a challenge. Email systems and phone extensions now take up much less of my conscious attention. The faces on the screens of our gatherings (and God willing in person soon) are all familiar to me. But even more so, I have the privilege of knowing the stories held in the eyes of those I see. My Introduction to Judaism students helped me see Judaism through a beginner's lens all over again. Our "On One Foot" Sunday morning class struck a deep chord within me and has changed how I see the world and the people in it. Through teaching 6th grade Hebrew and leading life cycle events, I've learned that online methods will always be a hurdle to human interaction, but that the human spirit, and the strength of our students and congregation, will help us overcome that hurdle every single time.

I'm not sure I would have ever taken stock of these changes in me had it not been for that brief realization that Sophie, the six-month-old infant we brought to Beth Or, is now the same age as her older brother, Mark, the pre-schooler we brought to Beth Or in 2018.

On Shavuot we celebrate the revelation at Sinai. But that was not the last time that Torah was revealed. It is important to hold onto the idea that the Torah of our lives is revealed to us every day. Revelation also comes in the changing faces of our children, the passing of seasons, and the rising and setting of the sun.

The term "*Olam Habah*" is most often translated as "the world to come," but it can also be translated, as the Kabbalists of old pointed out, as "the world that comes." By translating in such a way, we encounter the idea that the world of revelation and beauty is not somewhere we go one day. Rather, that world is constantly coming towards us. The way to experience revelation, therefore, is not to go searching towards heaven, but to be as attuned as possible to the changes in our world. As we appreciate the changes around us, may they highlight the beautiful changes within ourselves as well.

From the Rabbi's Desk

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As the Pandemic Abates, We Must Come Out of the Desert Recognizing Individuality

Cantor David Green



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**Individuality has
always been stressed
in our
Jewish heritage.**

As we get inoculated and begin to get back together as a community, in person, the importance of recognizing each other's identity and individuality will become even more important than before the pandemic.

This reminds me of an experience I had calling AT&T. Instead of the usual, automated list of options to choose from, a "live person" spoke to me. We started talking about our hobbies and interests, not even addressing, at first the reason I called AT&T. I was so touched that he talked to me as an individual.

The same occurs in the Torah portion, *Bamidbar*. God told Moses to take a census of the Israelites. The Rabbis interpret this as a symbol of individuality. The Talmud states that when one dies, it is as if all had died. Individuality has always been stressed in our Jewish heritage.

The Nazis tried to take away our identity in the concentration camps. One rabbi in the camps would not let that happen as he celebrated and officiated at Shabbat & holidays, Bar Mitzvahs and weddings. The rabbi followed the view of Sforno: "Everyone from each generation would then be thought of by his/her name and thus by his own unique personal qualities."

Rabbi Ron Wolfson states that modern Judaism today faces the same challenges. Synagogues will have to find new ways to reach out to their congregants to make them feel unique and special, developing real relationships with each member.

Rabbi Neal J. Loevinger goes on to say: "You can only have a strong community when you recognize the importance of each individual."

As we begin to come out of the desert of isolation the pandemic has created, let us strive to rebuild our relationships, recognize each person and rebuild a new strong Jewish community.



Confirmation Class 5781/2021

Confirmation Service

Sunday, May 16, 2021/6 Sivan 5781 at 5 pm

Beth Or Confirmation Class Of 2021 – 5781

We congratulate our congregants on their achievement in reaching their spiritual goals, recognizing their passion and dedication to living a vibrant and committed Jewish life.

Justin Blake Cartagenova

Joshua & Stacey
Cartagenova

Brynn Copman

Scott & Randi Copman

Shane Tyler Faberman

Austin Faberman &
Heather Rossman

Nathan Ari Fechter

Gary & Debbie Fechter

Dillon Cole Frankel

Fred and Stacy Frankel

Anna Jordan Gamburg

Donald & Amy Gamburg

Jacqueline Germer

John & Melissa Germer

Madison Gindea

Scott & Tracy Gindea

Adam Mitchell Grossman

Harvey S. Grossman &
Deborah B. Miller

Gabrielle Taylor Jones

Ron Jones & Gail
Dizengoff-Jones

Dara Kisver

Joshua & Stacie Kisver

Micah Margolis

Jonathan & Francine
Margolis

Lauryn Nadell

Jordan & Amy Nadell

Jenna Rovner

Paul & Lisa Rovner

Samantha Salin

Michael & Donna Salin

Ellee Samantha Segal

Robert & Cindy Segal

Hali Seligman

Danny & Judy Seligman

Taylor Nicole Weiss

Lawrence Weiss &
Stephanie Sweet

Ethan Samuel Werner

Dean & Dana Werner

Charlotte Gital Zager

Warren & Katherine Zager

Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

Jason Bonder, Associate Rabbi

David Green, Cantor

Josh Gottlieb, President

Amy S. Abrams, Executive Director

Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School



Important School Dates

Sunday, May 2

4th Grade Naming Service

Friday, May 7

5th Grade Family Shabbat

Friday, May 7

2023 B'nai Mitzvah Journey
Kick-Off

Sunday, May 9

No School – Mother's Day

Sunday, May 16

Last Day of Classes!

Religious School NEWS

School Registration is Open!

Aaron Nienshultz, Director of Religious School

I'm so excited to announce that school registration is open for 2021-2022! We've updated our system this year, so registration is a two-step process:

First step: Log in to your Chaverweb account and follow the Leonard & Madlyn Abramson Education Center logo on the bottom right on the row of icons to get started.

Second step: When you complete the first step, you will receive an email with a link to a web form that lets you choose your children's class options. You can review these options by going to <https://www.bethor.org/learn/religious-school-k-12/registration-important-school-year-information>. Once you complete that form, you're all set! We'll finalize class information and registration on our end and notify you in August of class and teacher assignments.

Things to keep in mind: We're planning on an in-person year next year, as long as conditions are safe to do so. Our Sunday Judaics program will run from 9:30 am - 11 am. We will offer a Sunday Hebrew option as well as midweek Hebrew in-person or virtual, so there's a lot to choose from!

Regular registration runs from May 1 through June 15. All students in grades 3-7 not enrolled by June 15 will be automatically enrolled with a late charge.

Thank you for being part of our school!



Aaron Nienshultz



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Madlyn Abramson
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May/June Candle Lighting



Friday, May 7 • 7:42 pm

Friday, May 14 • 7:49 pm

Friday, May 21 • 7:56 pm

Friday, May 28 • 8:02 pm

Friday, June 4 • 8:07 pm

Friday, June 11 • 8:11 pm

Friday, June 18 • 8:14 pm

Friday, June 25 • 8:15 pm

Wrapping Up with Resiliency

Sara Baum, Early Childhood Director

This is the time of year when we begin to look back on all that we have learned since September at the CECE. This year's big lessons were flexibility and resiliency! Everyone at the CECE, both staff and students, came into the year seeing huge challenges as we navigated life during a pandemic. We ALL met the challenges head on and persevered. The whole school came out changed, better, and stronger than ever! Our students adapted to new routines beautifully. The teachers and staff created new lessons to keep everyone safe and learning! Our classroom environments may look a little different moving forward but the learning and love for Judaism remain in the school we love so much.

We would also like to take a moment and celebrate our students that will be moving on from the CECE this year... the students from our four year old and five year old programs. We have all enjoyed watching you learn and grow! We wish you well in your new school and look forward to seeing you in our halls as alumni!!

At the end of June we are excited for Camp Chaverim!! We love splashing in the water, spending more time outdoors, and eating snacks from our beautiful garden. Everyone at the Center looks forward to welcoming new campers! It is one of our favorite times of the year!!



Sara Baum



**Zipporah S. Abramson
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For additional information contact

Sara Baum, sbaum@bethor.org or Sharon Carlin, scarlin@bethor.org

The Magic of Camp



Jillian Peskin

Jillian Peskin, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

“Living 10 months for 2” — the phrase our campers say about their beloved summer camp experiences. Camp is the one place where many children can be their true selves. There is something about pulling through those gates, seeing the friends you haven’t seen since August, getting dirty and jumping into the lake. There is certainly something magical that happens at camp!

For our Beth Or kiddos, camp is the thing I think most of them will say they missed most in 2020. Many kids that I have spoken to are just SO excited to get back to their summer homes. While this summer may look a little different than summers past, the magic will still be there for them.

Each year, we see more and more of our families choosing to send their kids to Jewish camp. Studies show that children who go to Jewish camp become more engaged Jewish adults. Many of these kids are likely to celebrate Shabbat in their home each week, join a synagogue as an adult and raise Jewish children. Essentially, we are helping to build the Jewish community of the future.

Many of our families rely on Beth Or to provide scholarships to help make camp a possibility. We are so grateful for the generosity of the **Brotherhood Camp Harlam Fund** and their annual commitment to camp scholarships for kids going to URJ Camp Harlam. This year, we also received a generous donation from the **Jenna Demar Education Fund** for our kids to go to any Jewish Camp of their choosing. The Clergy also use their **Discretionary Funds** to provide scholarships for camp and Israel travel.

When you make your next contribution to Beth Or, consider a donation to one of the above mentioned funds to help make the magic of camp possible for our kids and ensure the Jewish community for years to come!



Hatikvah, The Hope It'll Last Forever



Jaime Murley



Cantor Jaime Murley, Junior Choir Director

Every year during Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day), I teach the songs *Am Yisrael Chai* ("the People of Israel Live on") and *HaTikvah* ("The Hope") to the children in our Religious School. This year, I asked students in our various choirs to tell me what Jewish music means to them. If you ever wanted hope that the people of Israel will live on, read the amazing, thoughtful, and beautiful answers below. They are sure to give you confidence about the future of Judaism!

Noah H, Kindergarten

"I love Jewish music, because I love singing about the Jewish holidays."

Shoshana C, 2nd grade

"I love Jewish music because my friends can listen and it helps me explain my religion to them."

Alexis S, 3rd grade

"I love music and my religion, so it's the best of both worlds."

Jake F, 3rd grade

"I like Jewish music because it soothes my heart and makes me feel calm."

Caroline B, 4th grade

"I like Jewish music because it connects me to my heritage."

Emily F, 5th grade

"Jewish music makes me happy because it helps me relate to Judaism."

Emma F, 5th grade

"I like Jewish music because it always has a really fun melody and you can learn from the stories in the songs. Most of the songs tell stories and it's a fun way to learn about Jewish culture."

Daniel E, 5th grade

"I love Jewish music because it makes me think how grateful I am to be Jewish and how much I love my community."

Dahlia K, 6th grade

"I love Jewish Music because of the fun style and rhythm of it."

Rachel J, 6th grade

"I like Jewish music because I like that everyone understands it. It's something that all Jewish people have in common."

Holly W, 9th grade

"I like Jewish music because it helps me feel like a bigger part of the Jewish community. I love music in general and Jewish music allows me to incorporate that love into an aspect of my identity."

Leah B, 9th grade

"I love Jewish music because it reminds me that I'm not alone and that there are more people like me all around the world. Jewish music is powerful and deeper than just words and that is why it has helped to create the person I am today."

Sammy S, 10th grade

"I feel a connection to Jewish music as it brings me closer to the people within my community. I love getting the opportunity to play the guitar and sing for the people within my synagogue. Jewish music has led me to perform all over my community, and spread my love of music to all different people!"

Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Jake Kleeman

May 1

For my Mitzvah Project, I donated children's clothing, shoes, and boots to **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**.

Mitzvah Circle is an organization that supports individuals and families in crisis. Previously, I had volunteered at the Mitzvah Circle warehouse where I sorted and packed boxes of clothing for children. I saw that there was a great need for clothing and shoes. Having a pair of sneakers that fit can make all the difference to a child. I was happy to be able to donate snow boots because I think it is important that every child has a warm pair of boots. Having a warm pair of boots can make a huge difference to a child who has to walk to the bus stop or to school in the snow. It can even mean just being able to go outside and play in the snow. Please visit www.MitzvahCircle.org for more information about how you can help.



Alexa Piro

May 1

For my Mitzvah Project I knew I wanted to help others dealing with homelessness and hunger. For the last five years, my family has had a "Be Thankful Turkey Trot" in which we walk or run one mile and raise money for different chosen organizations each year at Thanksgiving. This year, Thanksgiving and the holiday season looked a lot different. We continued with tradition and, rather than ask family and friends to join us, I ran in their honor and raised money for **Project Home**. Project Home continues to work to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty by providing shelter, food, classes and support. I also asked my family and friends to do something fun and special with their families during the holidays, just like what I did. I am thrilled that together we raised \$1200! Since then, I have tried each month to do something to help those dealing with homelessness and hunger. I have made breakfast bags and sock rolls that were delivered to those in need and donated bags of my clothing. I will also be cooking a meal for the families who traditionally stay at Beth Or. For more information or if you are interested in helping, visit projecthome.org/donate.



Casey Nadell

May 8

For my Mitzvah project, I decided to make a difference during Covid in two different ways. First, the soldiers in the **Israeli Defense Force** were required to quarantine and the **Friends of the IDF** sponsored a project to raise money



for desperately needed hygiene kits. With some help from my friends and my community, I was able to raise enough money for 600 hygiene kits. Also, Covid was a very isolating time for the soldiers as well as many seniors. Additionally, my friends and I were able to write 100 letters to the seniors at the Horsham Center for Jewish Life and the IDF.

Elias Trichon

May 8

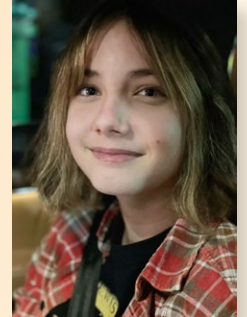
For my Mitzvah Project, I want to help and donate to **Kaboom!** Kaboom! is a nonprofit organization that builds playgrounds and play areas for kids who don't have access to one. I am fortunate enough to live in Doylestown Borough which has many play areas. When Covid shut everything down, I quickly realized how important they are to me! Being able to go outside and play really lifted my spirits! Many kids do not have access to play areas in their neighborhoods, so they can't have that same fun that I am able to. That inspired me to donate to Kaboom!. I want to help the cause by encouraging you to make a donation to Kaboom!. Please visit this link and help Kaboom! create more play spaces! <https://gofund.me/43b05bf9>



Lily Kloin

May 15

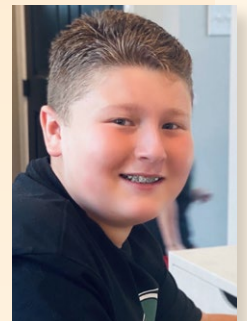
I will be writing letters to the elderly in coordination with **Letters of Love — Love For Our Elders**. Love For Our Elders is an organization focused on helping the elderly overcome loneliness, which is especially critical during the pandemic. My goal is simply to bring smiles to faces, even for a moment. I encourage members of Beth Or to do the same.



Gavin Hymowitz

May 22

I will be focusing my Mitzvah Project on awareness of the Holocaust. I will be working with **HAMEC (Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center)** to tell the story of my great-grandparents, who were survivors, and to be their voice to educate my peers and the community. I will study the Holocaust and present and volunteer when needed in the community to further educate. It is my mitzvah to use my voice to make people, "NOT" forget what we hope will never happen again, nor be forgotten!



Ezra Walters

May 22

For my Mitzvah Project I am going to swim as many laps as I can in one hour, to raise money for **4Ocean**. 4Ocean hires boat captains and fishermen in communities heavily impacted by plastic pollution as full-time, professional cleanup crew members to recover plastic and other harmful debris from the ocean, rivers, and coastlines seven days a week. If you would like to pledge your support for me and 4Ocean, go to this link to fill out the form: <https://sites.google.com/view/ezrawaltersbarmitzvah/mitzvah-project?authuser=0>.



Ethan Cohen

May 29

For my Mitzvah Project, I am raising money for less fortunate young athletes who want to play sports but don't have the means to participate or afford quality equipment. When I discovered **PeacePlayers**, I knew this was the organization I wanted to join forces with and whose cause I wanted to help! PeacePlayers uses the power of sport to unite, educate and inspire young people to create a more peaceful world. They offer sports programming, peace education, and leadership development to those living in communities in conflict. Through my project, I hope to educate friends and family about these issues, specifically in the Middle East, where PeacePlayers ME is working to bridge the divide between Arab and Jewish young athletes. Please check out my fundraising page: PEACEPLAYERS INTERNATIONAL – Ethan Cohen's fundraiser (networkforgood.com).



Jason Shapiro

June 5

It has always bothered me to see **homeless people in Philadelphia** who do not have food or clean clothes. For my Mitzvah Project, I gathered supplies that are needed by homeless people including: masks, hand sanitizer wipes, snacks, bottles of water, and clean socks. I filled bags with all of these items and went to Philadelphia to give out these bags to people on the street.



Samantha Levin

June 5

For my Mitzvah Project, I decided to **create a cookbook** because of my passion for cooking and baking. Creating meals that are healthy and fun to make is something that I love to do! The cookbook contains 44 of my favorite recipes! The categories include: breakfast, appetizers, family dinners, easy lunches/dinners, vegetarian, dessert, healthy/sugar free



desserts, and baked goods! I donated the proceeds to MS Insight to support **"The Alan Mandel Lecture Series"** in honor of my very special Pop-Pop and **A Woman's Shelter** to support women experiencing domestic abuse.

Sophia Stewart

June 12

For my Mitzvah Project, I am collecting women's hygiene products to help those who fall victim to "period poverty." All donations will go to **No More Secrets MBS (Mind, Body, Spirit)**. One in four women struggle to purchase menstrual supplies. This is called "period poverty." No woman should have to miss school or work because they are unable to afford the supplies they need. I will accept pads, tampons, menstrual cups, women's new cotton underpants and monetary donations (checks only & made out to "No More Secrets MBS") until June 1. For pick-up, call Shara Molt at 215-704-4231. Drop offs may be made to 3 locations: 1648 Aidenn Lair Road, Dresher, PA; Beth Or's Main Entrance Lobby vestibule (mark donations for "Sophia Stewart's Bat Mitzvah Project") or The Kennedy House in Philadelphia (Call Shara Molt if this is your choice of drop off location).



Drew Fiergang

June 19

For my Mitzvah Project, I am selling copies of ART to raise money for **Ambler Interfaith Housing Alliance Shelter**. The Interfaith Housing Alliance near our home provides food and temporary housing to members of our community. Traditionally, the shelter supports single moms and their kids in our school district. I chose this charity because I feel very strongly there should be a safe place to go if you are living in an unstable home or feel uncomfortable in your environment. If you would like to donate, please go to my Fundly Webpage and search for Drew's Art Auction.



Madison Frezel

June 19

For my Mitzvah Project, I decided to help a few organizations throughout this past year. Families and organizations were really hit hard during COVID and I wanted to help as best as I could. I collected and delivered items needed for **Mitzvah Circle**. They help families in crisis. I also collected and delivered children's books and stuffed animals for **One House at a Time**. This organization provides beds, bedding, books and stuffed animals to teach kids healthy bed time habits. Lastly, I helped to make dozens of PB&J sandwiches that were then distributed to the homeless in Philadelphia by Welcome Bread.



Beth Or Brotherhood

Thank You!

Allan Posner, Brotherhood President; Mark Pokedoff & Evan Segal, Membership Co-Chairs



Allan Posner



Bob Hope said it best with his hit song... *Thanks for the Memory*. It has been an honor to serve as the leader of Congregation Beth Or Brotherhood the past four years. Initially I was tasked with a two-year term, but somehow days turned into weeks, then months and before I knew it, four years have passed. A son got married, a daughter graduated college, a granddaughter was born, our country elected a new President and a pandemic arrived. Thank you!

Brotherhood is a collaborative effort and not just a one-person club. Each of you, our valued members, played a role in all the success we achieved these past four years. Without your endless help volunteering, setting up, leading, brainstorming and charity, Brotherhood would not be in the position it is in today. Our group has never been more integrated into the fabric of Beth Or with all the programs we support within our walls. Thank you!

When Ira Secouler and Bob Cohen asked me to step up and lead, I will admit to a sliver of angst. Having never led a non-profit group prior, I had no road map to follow. Would members be receptive? Would they revolt because I would delete the "this is how we always did it" approach? Would I make a fool of myself and in the process, make enemies?

The agenda was large and encompassing. New communications using Constant Contact, our Annual Dinner now a wildly successful fundraiser, expanding our reach fighting hunger, the Car Show becoming a community event, online wine sales, engaging and supporting youth groups, Beer Gardens and congregational onegs, spreading the word about JRA, expanding our membership base and dues structure along with so much more.

To those that served by my side in executive capacities... Eric, z"l, Doug, Phil, Bob Rosin, Evan and Stu, Thank you! A special thank you to Bob Cohen and Ira Secouler for your wisdom and advice.

I would like to congratulate Doug Burtnick, our next President and his officers who will now lead Brotherhood into the future. I ask that all our members pray for them and support their agenda by volunteering and working as hard as you can just like you did for me.

To our clergy, Executive Director, office support staff, building maintenance team and all the Beth Or family, Thank you!

Lastly, to my wife, Andrea... Thank You! Thank you for listening, encouraging me to continue pushing despite sometimes wanting to run away and giving me ideas when the well ran dry. She endured having to host many a meeting in our home and cleaning up after bagel breakfasts or a night with Hershel's. Ok! We saved her a corned beef sandwich, kugel and more. Thank you!

With gratitude,
Allan

KOSHER WINE SALES

Now you can purchase kosher wine all year long and benefit Beth Or! Use the Beth Or affiliate link on [kosherwine.com](http://bit.ly/BethOrBrotherhood): <http://bit.ly/BethOrBrotherhood> or click the KosherWine symbol on the bottom right side of the Beth Or website home page, "Connect With Us" section.

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Questions? Contact info@bethorbrotherhood.org.



Beth Or Sisterhood

Shalom

Lois Lambersky, Sisterhood President

I am writing this article one day post Spring Fling. What a wonderful day it was too. Nice weather, seeing friends, eating and shopping. What more could we ask for? Many thanks to Sherri Spector and all our wonderful Sisterhood volunteers. A big shout out to the men of Brotherhood who came to lend support and a helping hand. It was most appreciated. Of course we couldn't have done it at all without the hard work and the big hearts of our dynamic duo, two special men, Bob Harris and Daryll Green. Thank you guys. We love you.

"I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that is as unique as a fingerprint - and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you."

— Oprah Winfrey.

I believe my personal calling was to be a member of Congregation Beth Or and discovering how much I love being a part of such a wonderful, caring congregation. Being president of Sisterhood for the past two years has been a blessing and a joy for me. I have worked hard with so many special women to fulfill the principles of our mission statement.

My personal Jewish journey has seen me through the dark days of a pandemic and now I'm able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Due to the miracle of technology, Sisterhood members have been able to stay connected and still fulfill its many mitzvot. Working with the many diverse ladies of Sisterhood has been a bright light during dark times.

Sisterhood is changing and evolving with the times. I look forward to supporting the new president, Melisa Lubinski and her board members in their many new and exciting programs to enhance our local and global Jewish community.



Lois Lambersky



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Faith Builders

Beth Or and Bethlehem Baptist Church are at it again! In June 2010, our two congregations collaborated on an interfaith build for Habitat for Humanity. The result was a new home in Oreland supported and constructed by several local faith communities.

Now, eleven years later, our fellowship will help to build a playground at the Add B. Anderson School (K-8) in West Philadelphia and fill their library with books through two unique initiatives that will kick off on Shavuot, a holiday that affirms our devotion to Torah and learning.

Share-a-Book • Sunday, May 16

What's better than one child sharing a book with another child? Passing it on with a personal note about what it was like to discover a favorite book and hoping that the new book owner will like it too. We invite your children to Share-a-Book by tucking their message inside one of their memorable titles and dropping it off to Beth Or on Sunday, May 16 from 9:30 am - 11 am, or in the designated bin in the main entrance vestibule during regular business hours by May 31.

Dress Down Day • Friday, May 21

Since 2018, Dress Down Day (started by the FUND for the School District of Philadelphia and The Goldenberg Group) has raised needed funds for 200+ Philadelphia public schools. To participate in this year's Dress Down Day, Beth Or and Bethlehem Baptist congregants can help the Anderson School's goal of building a playground by

- (1) visiting dressdownday.org
- (2) donating or purchasing a t-shirt/mask
- (3) selecting the Anderson School, and
- (4) posting support on social media leading up to and on Dress Down Day, May 21. The Anderson School will use 100% of the proceeds for the playground.



For further info, please contact Social Justice Chair Noah Fischer, noahfischer25@yahoo.com or Social Action Chairs Susy Krimker, susykrimer@gmail.com and Margie Chachkin, chachkin@aol.com.

Building Bridges and Making a Difference Through *Tikkun Olam*

Thank you for your support of the Beth Or Disaster Relief Fund and for bringing the Beth Or Social Action motto to life: "Striving — Caring — Making a Difference." Because of you, we were able to help the homeless and unsheltered who were displaced by the Texas winter storms through a donation to Front Steps (www.frontsteps.org). Read on ...

Dear Susy and Margie,

Wanted to let you know that bags, wallets, and check have all arrived. The letter that came with the check was read aloud at a manager's meeting today, and there was much joyful crying.

What was shared about "Tikkun Olam" and repair of the world struck a nerve. For each of us. It is what unites our shelter in Texas with your congregation in Pennsylvania.

Every exchange with y'all has been restorative, and you have no idea how much I appreciate that truth.

Congregation Beth Or, you have made a real difference.

THANK YOU,

*Amy Price, Director of Development and Communications
Front Steps, Austin, TX*

Virtual and In-Person Events

In addition to on-going virtual programs, we are thrilled to be able to bring back a few in-person events this spring/summer. All in-person events, other than designated Shabbat worship services and lifecycle events, will take place outdoors, shine only. If you would like to attend, please RSVP when required. Beth Or will follow current health official guidelines including proper mask wearing, physical distancing, and capacity limits.

BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD EVENTS

Outdoor Yoga: Prayer in Motion (In-person)

Sunday, May 2 • 1 pm – 2 pm

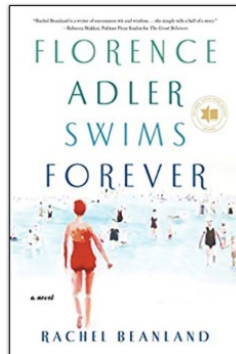
Come to the Beth Or Terrace and join Sisterhood to explore Prayer in Motion with Deborah Glassman, founder of Shabbhakti Yoga. The program includes 15 minutes of Torah/meditation and 45 minutes of Yoga (all skill levels welcome). Refreshments and healthy snacks will be provided. BYO mat & sunscreen. Cost: \$20/person payable by check to Beth Or Sisterhood, or pay online with PayPal using the link on the event web calendar listing. RSVP to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com. Raindate is Sunday, May 16 at 1 pm.



Florence Adler Swims Forever Book Review with Aaron Nienshultz (Virtual)

Wednesday, May 5 • 8 pm

This year's One Book, One Jewish Community (OBOJC) selection is *Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland. Read the book in advance and then join Aaron Nienshultz on Zoom for a lively discussion. This program is free and open to all. Refer to the web calendar or your Chai Lights email for the Zoom meeting link.



Brotherhood Discussion with Rabbi Marx (Virtual)

Wednesday, May 19 • 6 pm

Join Brotherhood and Rabbi Marx on Zoom for a timely, insightful discussion. The monthly Brotherhood Board meeting will follow. Refer to the web calendar for this event for the Zoom registration link.

Phillies vs Marlins Game (In-person)

Tuesday, June 8 • 7:05 pm

Phillies games at Citizen's Bank Ballpark are back! Brotherhood has secured tickets at \$25/person. Seats will be scattered in section 419 due to COVID-19 protocols. Purchase early for best seats! Order up to 6 seats for your group to sit together. Please note new rule: All members of your group have to arrive and enter together. Contact Bob Rosin to reserve your tickets or with any questions, rosinroberta@aol.com, 215-920-8494. Send checks, payable to Congregation Beth Or Brotherhood, with a note "Phillies" in the memo line or pay via Paypal, paypal.me/BethOrBrotherhood.



Annual Ecumenical Event (Virtual)

Tuesday, June 8 • 3pm – 4pm

Sisterhood hosts our annual program for the Wissahickon Faith Community Alliance. Rabbi Marx will provide an in-depth teaching about the first four stories in the book of Genesis for an understanding of our moral and spiritual development. He will introduce a completely different way of understanding the creation narrative, and the stories of Cain and Abel, Noah and the Ark, and the Tower of Babel. Discussion will follow. This program will take place on Zoom. Refer to the web calendar listing for the registration link.

Bingo with Sisterhood (Virtual)

Thursday, June 10 • 7pm

Join Sisterhood for a Bingo fundraiser! All prizes are valued at a minimum \$50. Cost: \$18/person, includes 6 rounds of Bingo. Look for more details and RSVP to come soon!

GET CONNECTED: BETH OR BUSINESS & CAREER NETWORK

Beth Or's business & career group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month (on Zoom for now) to network, brainstorm, and build meaningful relationships that may help grow our businesses or help us find our next career or job. All Beth Or members are welcome to join us every month or just pop in when a topic intrigues you. Contact Evan Segal, evan@segalfinancial.com with any questions or topic ideas.

Networking Events (Virtual)

Mondays, May 10 & June 14 • 7pm – 8pm

Check your weekly emails for each month's topic and featured guest!

Virtual and In-Person Events

HOLIDAYS & SHABBAT

Friday Evening Shabbat Worship

(In-person & Virtual)

Shabbat services have returned to the Gitlin Sanctuary. We are following PA guidelines and the recommendation of our COVID-19 task force and allowing a limited number of people to participate in person. Advance RSVP to Amy Abrams, aabrams@bethor.org or Barbara Murtha, bmurtha@bethor.org is required for in-person attendance. Friday evening services will continue to be available for remote viewing on livestream and Facebook Live. First Friday services are held at 6:30 pm and all other weeks (except as noted) are at 7:30 pm. Refer to your weekly Community Matters email, or the website home page for links and to download/view the *Mishkan T'Filah* Shabbat prayer book.

Heart & Soul Shabbat (In-person)

Saturdays, May 1 & June 5 • 1 pm – 2 pm

Come to Beth Or to join Rabbi Bonder and Paul Brooks for a chance to exercise your heart, body and soul. We will utilize Beth Or's beautiful outdoor campus for a Shabbat afternoon time of reflection and movement. All are welcome. No RSVP necessary. All CDC guidelines for outdoor events will be followed. This event is shine-only. Please park in the CECE lot and meet outside at the CECE entrance. Contact Rabbi Bonder, jbonder@bethor.org, with any questions.



Shabbat in our Parking Lot with Camp Harlam (In-person)

Friday June 4 • BYO Dinner, 6pm •
Worship Service, 6:30 pm

We are excited to provide an outdoor Shabbat worship experience, tailgate-style in the Beth Or parking lot. Families may bring their own food, or pre-order a meal from one of our approved caterers to pick up at Beth Or that evening. Plan to arrive by 6pm to park your car and eat. We request everyone BYO tailgating chairs/supplies, stay at their parking space to comply with physical distancing guidelines and wear a mask when interacting with others outside of their family. Starting at 6:30pm, Rabbi Marx, Rabbi Bonder, Cantor Green and Cantor Murley will lead a lively, song-filled, camp-style service. Advance RSVP is required. Check your weekly email or the event calendar listing to RSVP. **Please note — since this is an outdoor event there will be no livestream or Facebook Live this week! This event is shine-only.** We will move indoors with a limited number of attendees if weather doesn't cooperate.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our other summer Shabbat in our Parking Lot events, too — Friday, July 9 and Friday, August 6!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Israel Tour (Virtual)

Return to Jerusalem – The Jewish Quarter

Thursday, May 6 • 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Visit a Kibbutz

Thursday, June 3 • 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Our popular virtual exploration of Israel series concludes with our last two destinations. Our Israeli Tour Guide, Rotem Shahar, shows us the sites and stops along the way for an interactive discussion. If you have not previously joined us, you can register for the Zoom link on the website calendar listing. You only need to register the first time you attend.

Share-A-Book Drive Kick Off (In-person)

Sunday, May 16 • 9:30am – 11am

In celebration of Shavuot, the Jewish holiday that affirms our devotion to Torah and learning, Beth Or is partnering with Bethlehem Baptist Church to support the Add B. Anderson School in West Philadelphia by filling their library with books. All families are invited to share a new or gently used book appropriate for K-8th grade readers by tucking a note into the front cover and dropping the book off during our last day of Hebrew School outdoor event. Books can continue to be dropped off during business hours through May 31 in the marked bin in the Front Entrance vestibule.



Knit 'n Knot • Sunday, May 16 (In-person) 11 am – 1 pm

Please join us outside on the Social Hall patio to make no-sew throws for Horsham Center for Jewish Life (formerly Abramson Center). The patients are only able to schedule visits with their families outdoors. We will help them stay warm and comfy! This program is sponsored by the Beth Or Knitters. Contact Faye Benshetler, febx@comcast.net, to RSVP or with any questions. This event is shine only and takes place outdoors.

Crocheting with Faye - Afghan Making (Virtual) Monday, May 24 • 7:30 pm

Crocheting is easier than you think! Faye Benshetler will teach you how to do the basics – chain, double and single crochet stitches. We'll learn how to make a granny square that can be turned into a lovely afghan that you can use, give as a gift of even donate. All that is needed is a crochet hook (size g, h, or I recommended) and some inexpensive yarn to get started. No cost for this class, but if you want Faye to pick up a hook and/or yarn for you, please email her at febx@comcast.net. Check the web calendar or your weekly email for the Zoom meeting link.

Beth Or's Spring Fundraiser: Golf Outing at Huntingdon Valley Country Club (In-person & Virtual)

Tuesday, May 25

There is still time to participate in our Spring Fundraiser. A variety of sponsorships, donations and individual golfer opportunities are available. Following a day of golf, a Virtual BYO Cocktail Party & Awards Ceremony will take place on Zoom (visit the web calendar or refer to your weekly email for the link). Lunch will be served starting at 11am. Shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Visit www.bethor.org/golfouting2021 for full details and RSVP form. Response deadline: May 10. Contact Jillian Peskin, jpeskin@bethor.org with any questions.



CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Wednesday, May 12 at 7pm on Zoom** to vote on the 2021-22 fiscal year budget which includes a 0% increase in membership dues, budgeted receipts of \$4,591,211 and budgeted expenses of \$4,591,212. In accordance with Article III, Section 4(b) of the Constitution and By-Laws of Congregation Beth Or, all congregants have the right to attend and speak at this Board meeting and to participate in the voting along with the Board of Trustees. Check your email for the Zoom registration link for this meeting.

The Constitution requires notice to the Congregation of our **Annual Meeting, which is set for Wednesday, June 9 at 7 pm on Zoom**. All Congregants are invited to attend. At the Annual Meeting the Congregation will be asked to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Congregation be amended to replace gender-specific language with gender neutral language. Check your email for the Zoom registration link for this meeting.

The nominating committee and the Board have approved the following slate of Officers for the 2021-22 fiscal year:

Gwen Silverstein – President

Leslie Weiss – 1st Vice President

Jeffrey Green – 2nd Vice President

Alyson Caplan – 3rd Vice President

Evan Segal - Treasurer

Douglas Burtnick – Asst. Treasurer

Lisa Goldoor - Secretary

The nominating committee and the Board have approved the following slate of Trustees to be elected for a 3-year term (7/1/2021- 6/30/2024):

Don Berry

Michael Demar

Samantha Drossner

Cliff Ehrlich

Jillian Hillman

Craig Schulz

Rachel Steinberg

Jill Zipin

The nominating committee and the Board have approved the following Trustee to fulfill the remainder of Alyson Caplan's term (thru 6/30/2023):

Alan Kober





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David H. Goldberg, father of
Meryl Lightstone

Loretta Steinberg, mother of
Gary Steinberg

Faye Lieberman Schwartz, grandmother
of Samantha Parkin

Judy Krantweiss, aunt of Elisa Heisman
Fernando Loya, father of Fernanda Vogel
Mitchell Blank, father of Jeffrey Stirling
Stephen Sundheim, congregant,
father of Rebecca

Michael Rappaport, brother of
David Rappaport

Eddi Gorman, congregant & wife of
Jack Gorman

Maddy Roth, family member of
Wilma Lorber

Elma Davis, mother of Howard Davis
Rita Roy, mother of Vicki Oppenheim &
grandmother of Sari Miller

Gary Snyder, stepfather of Sara Collins
Mary Ann Dorsey, mother of
Bruce Dorsey

Alexander Labe, uncle of Amy Abrams

Mazel Tov

Engagement of Jeffrey Moses, son of
Howard & Ronda Moses, to
Samantha Urda

Birth of Owen Isaac Gutman, grandson of
Dave & Caren Gutman

Birth of Evelyn Rose Pastor, granddaughter
of Jack & Linda Jankovitz

Birth of Sophie Gray Carlin,
granddaughter of Jim & Sharon Carlin

Birth of Eli Daniel Gottlieb, grandson of
Josh Gottlieb

Birth of Emuna (Emma) Sapir Gold,
granddaughter of Phil & Pennye
Goodman

Birth of Eli Kasmar Goodman, grandson
of Phil & Pennye Goodman

Birth of Zachary Noah Roig, grandson of
Bob & Lana Weinstein

Birth of Amelia Taylor Van Benthem,
granddaughter of Larry & Ilene Stella

Bar Mitzvah of Jake Kleeman

Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Piro

Bat Mitzvah of Jacquelyn Waddell

Bar Mitzvah of Elias Trichon

Bat Mitzvah of Casey Nadell

Bat Mitzvah of Lily Kloin

Bar Mitzvah of Flynn Goldstein

Bar Mitzvah of Ryder Orenstein

Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Hymowitz

Bar Mitzvah of Ezra Walters

Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Cohen

Bar Mitzvah of Jason Shapiro

Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Levin

Bat Mitzvah of Madigan Wallach

Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Stewart

Bat Mitzvah Madison Frezel

Bar Mitzvah of Drew Fiergang

Flower Donations

Additional April Donation:

April 23 • Marian Wolfert in honor of Chai Members and in memory of Reuben Wolfert

May Donations:

May 1 • Brian Kleeman and Julie Axelrod in honor of Jake Kleeman's Bar Mitzvah
Adam and Lauren Piro in honor of Alexa Piro's Bat Mitzvah

May 8 • Ryan and Brittany Waddell in honor of Jacquelyn Waddell's Bat Mitzvah
Richard and Shana Trichon in honor of Elias Trichon's Bar Mitzvah
Jordan and Amy Nadell in honor of Casey Nadell's Bat Mitzvah

May 15 • Scott Kloin and Jamie Dancer in honor of Lily Kloin's Bat Mitzvah
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May 22 • Shawn and Lori Orenstein in honor of Ryder Orenstein's Bar Mitzvah
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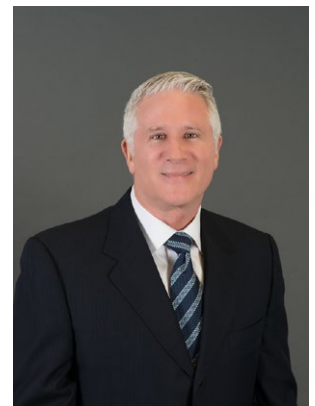
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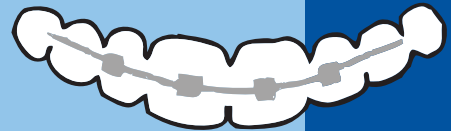
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